
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5008

AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUARANTINE OF BITING GUIDE DOGS.

SUMMARY:

By law, an animal control officer may quarantine or otherwise restrain or dispose of an animal that bites someone. If a person fails to comply with a quarantine or restraining order, the officer may seize the animal.

This bill exempts certain guide dogs from these provisions. To be exempt, the guide dog must be (1) owned by or in the custody and control of a blind person or person with mobility impairment; (2) under the direct supervision, care, and control of the person; (3) currently vaccinated; and (4) receiving routine veterinary care.

Under current law, police dogs are exempt from the requirements if they are (1) under the direct supervision, care, and control, of an assigned police officer; (2) receiving routine veterinary care; and (3) annually vaccinated. The bill changes the third criteria from annually to currently vaccinated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/21/2011)